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WARTINE FOOD BULLETIN

Home grown supplies of fruits and vegetables, on the wholesale market are rapidly thinning out now, with the exception of two or three commodities. Cantaloups and watermelons are still plentiful and will be for some time. Light supplies of grapes will be on the market for a couple of weeks yet, but peaches are practically gone. In the vegetable line there are still some okra and fairly good supplies of squash and blackeyed peas, but tomatoes are also practically gone, and that is the extent of the home grown supplies.

To take their place we are receiving almost daily car loads and truck loads from Colorado and California, so that there will be no shortage of the things you want to buy. There are some supplies coming from other states also, such as potatoes from Idaho, peaches and tomatoes from Arkansas, cherries from Utah and Washington, and this week we received a car of apples from Maryland.

The line of fresh fruits on our market is very welcome after being so short all winter and spring. The list includes apples, apricots, avocados, bananas, blueberries, cherries, grapes, nectarines, peaches, pears, plums, raspberries, and the usual line of citrus. We have just received our first shipment of red and white Malagas and Black Monukka grapes from California. Right here would be a good time to call to your attention again the need to can some of these fruits for use this winter, as the available supply is expected to be even shorter this year than last. We will be able to get fresh vegetables next winter but not these fruits.

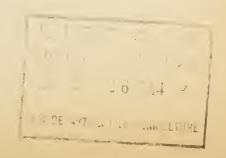
The best buys of the week are cabbage, cantaloups, carrots, onions, blackeyed peas, peppers, squash, tomatoes, and watermelons.

There is a shortage of all kinds of containers to handle our 1944 crops, so everybody can help by taking care of any baskets or boxes that they have and turning them over to somebody that needs them.

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Apples are gradually increasing in volume on the wholesale market this week and will continue to do so until we have a good supply of a number of varieties.

Right now they are mostly Fancy Gravensteins in boxes from California.

This week we received carloads of large Hale peaches in lugs from California, and a number of truck loads of Elbertas in bushel baskets from Arkansas, both of which are very fine quality. Kelsey Plums, those large green ones, were the first of that variety received on this market this week.

Cantaloups and watermelons are plentiful and the prices are the most reasonable of any commodity on the market. The quality is very good this year.

Other best buys this week are beans, beets, cabbage, carrots, onions, peppers, squash, spinach, and tomatoes. A little higher priced, but still good buys are such commodities as broccoli, cauliflower, celery, lettuce, English peas, rhubarb, and most of the fruits.

We are very fortunate here in this section that we are able to buy as many bananas as we have been. Many sections of the country arenot so lucky. These bananas that we are receiving come from three districts. There are two districts in Mexico, one in the northern part and the other in the southern part. The third district and the one from which we get the largest and nicest bananas is in Central America.

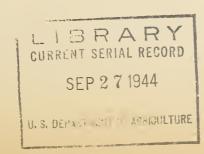
The market is well supplied with tomatoes, most of the homegrown supplies are already gone. Most of them are coming from Arkansas, but we are also receiving some from Missouri and California. This is one of the vegetables that should be put up for use later in the year. They can be put up plain or as juice, catsup, or chili sauce, or cooked green for pickles. For food value, one good sized vine ripe tomato will provide about half a day's quota of vitamin C, as well as a generous amount of vitamin A.

The supply of canned tomatoes this winter and next spring will be less for civilian consumption than last year, due to the higher requirements for military and export purposes.

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WARTINE FOOD BULLETIN

The first fruits of the season from Washington arrived on the wholesale market this week. There were Bartlett pears, and two varieties of plums. Soon now we will have good supplies from this northwest region. One of the best of these will be those delicious prunes, so be prepared to put up some when they arrive, because the season for them is not too long.

Another new commodity that has been with us a few days is Honey Dew melons from California. These are very nice quality. And supplies of Golden Bantam corn have been coming from Colorado and Missouri in increasing quantities. The price is low and the quality good.

The homegrown cantaloup season is drawing to a close but watermelons will be with us for another two or three weeks. Watermelons are very cheap and growers are having trouble selling out their loads.

The first rutabagas of the season arrived this week, with shipments from both Colorado and Virginia. These remind us of Fall- if we don't stop to think about the weather.

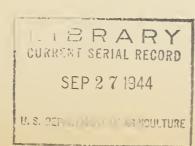
Supplies of small sized oranges are plentiful on the market right now and the price has been cut so that they are bargain buys. The small sized orange is generally just as juicy for its size and just as sweet as the larger size. The smallness is not a sign of immaturity but rather is because the tree upon which it grew produced a heavy crop.

The best buys this week are snap beans, cabbage, carrots, corn, meas, both blackeye and english, peppers, tomatoes, and watermelons.

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WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION Office of Distribution Fort Worth 2, Texas 511-513 U. S. Court House August 24, 1944 Phone 2-1365 WARTIME FOOD BULLETIN Our supply of Elberta peaches this week is coming from Illinois and Virginia. They are nice quality, and are selling at the ceiling price. California lugs of Hales continue to arrive in small lots. It will not be long now until we will be receiving peaches from Colorado. Concord grapes from Arkansas in four-quart baskets have been arriving on the market this week. They are very nice quality, selling at wholesale from 42-50¢ per basket. Grape supplies from California have about vanished from our market, mainly, we are told, because of the lower ceiling price placed on them at the shipping point. We are hoping that supplies will soon start coming again. New crop sweet potatoes are with us again. The supplies are light so far, but are gradually increasing. They should be available for the next eight or nine months, although this year's production is estimated by the Department of Agriculture at approximately ten percent less than last year. The winding up of the local cantaloup season has brought us some from California, along with a few Honey Dews, and soon we should receive some from the famous Rocky Ford district of Colorado. Tomato supplies are fairly heavy on our market, and the price is slightly lower. Most of them are coming from Arkansas, with a few from other scattered districts. The price of lettuce increased slightly this week, but other commodities Were generally steady. Most of the fruits are selling at their ceilings and are expected to continue to do so, because of the very heavy demand for them in all parts of the country. The best buys this week were cabbage, corn, okra, onions, peas, peppers, squash, tomatoes, and watermelons, with the last two being the best bargains. Furnished by Charles D. Sherman, Federal Food Reporter. After five days return to Ponalty for private use to avoid War Food Administration payment of postage \$300 511-513 U.S. Court House Fort Worth 2, Texas OFFICIAL BUSINESS IBRARY CURRENT SERIAL REGORD SEP 27 1944 U. S. BEP STORY



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WARTIME FOOD BULLETIN

For the past week we have been receiving some apples, in bulk, by truck from both New Mexico and Arkansas. Those from New Mexico are Delicious variety and the ones from Arkansas are Jonathans, both orchard run but fairly nice quality. There are still some Michigan Duchess on the market but they are selling slowly, and there are good supplies of California Gravensteins in boxes, which are fancy apples.

Other fruits are much the same as they have been for the last two weeks.

There was a car of California Bartlett pears that arrived in ripe condition

which was selling slightly lower in price; also a car of ripe Illinois Elbertas.

They are just right to eat now, and there are other Bartletts and Elbertas

that can be held awhile. There were also new arrivals of plums, Presidents and

Kelseys, from California, so that right now we have a fairly good list of fruits

to choose from.

Colorado is our main source of vegetables at present. The bunched and topped beets, carrots, and turnips are very fine quality and are moderately priced.

Colorado snap beans and spinach were slightly higher, but the other vegetables were steady in price. We are also receiving a few snap beans, cucumbers, peppers and squash from New Mexico, which are very good quality.

Supplies of watermelons have dwindled so that for the past few days there has been only a few on the market, and those are selling very slowly. Stocks of tomatoes continue to be heavy with the addition of supplies from Colorado this wock. The price is steady. Increased supplies of cauliflower have lowered the price for that fine vegetable.

A couple of cars of Minnesota rutabagas arrived this week to add to our supplies from Colorado.

The best buys at this time are apples, cabbage, cauliflower, cucumbers, onions, peas, squash and tomatoes.

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